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7 BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
8 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

9 In the Matter of the Application regarding the  
10 Conversion and Acquisition of Control of  
11 Premera Blue Cross and its Affiliates.

No. G 02-45

DECLARATION OF ELEANOR  
HAMBURGER

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13 I, Eleanor Hamburger, declare:

- 14 1. I am co-counsel for the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, one of the Premera Watch  
15 Coalition Intervenors in this proceeding.
- 16 2. On Wednesday, November 24, 2003, I spoke with a representative of the OIC Staff. I was  
17 informed that Premera's representatives had requested a meeting with the OIC Staff in order  
18 to discuss the possibility of agreeing to an extension of the timelines for the proceeding, so  
19 that Premera could revise its Form A filing. The Intervenors were not invited to attend the  
20 meeting.
- 21 3. On Friday, November 28, 2003, I spoke with a representative of the OIC Staff about the  
22 meeting with Premera's representatives. I learned that Premera and the OIC Staff would  
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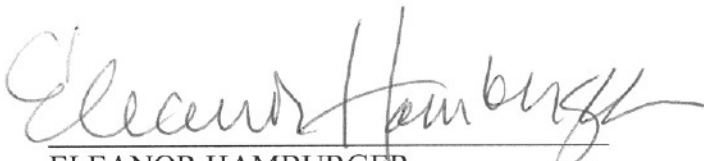
1 continue to meet to discuss extending the timelines for the administrative proceeding and that  
2 it was possible that a joint proposal would be submitted shortly to the Insurance  
3 Commissioner.

4 4. I was informed that the parties were discussing the extension of the timelines, for  
5 approximately 60 days, during which time Premera would continue private negotiations with  
6 the OIC Staff regarding a revised Form A, Premera would file a revised Form A, the OIC  
7 Staff experts would do a shortened review of the new proposal, and the current  
8 administrative hearing process would be rescheduled.

9 5. On Tuesday, December 2, 2003, I learned from an OIC Staff representative that no  
10 agreement had been reached with Premera, but that an agreement was still possible.

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12 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
13 foregoing is true and correct.

14 DATED this 3<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2003 in Seattle, Washington.

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18 ELEANOR HAMBURGER